

Texas inmate seeks stay of execution

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for condemned prisoner Joseph Starvaggi asked a federal judge to spare the convicted killer from the Texas death chamber where he faced execution before dawn Thursday.

Starvaggi, 34, was scheduled to die by injection for a 1976 burglary that left a Montgomery County man dead.

John C. Denson was shot three times and killed while his wife and daughter were tied up in a blanket at their Magnolia home.

Starvaggi and two others were convicted of the slaying, while charges against a fourth man were dismissed.

Attorney Anthony Griffin said Tuesday evidence that showed Starvaggi was a continued threat to society was insufficient, that Starvaggi had ineffective legal assistance at trial and that jury selection was improper.

Griffin said he was uncertain whether he could win a stay from U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes, but said he was prepared to take the case to the federal appeals courts.

"With the status of capital litigation as bad as it is, I don't know," Griffin said about prospects for a stay. "It's like going to a horror movie."

"We're getting blitzed. The object is to get a stay at some level."

Griffin said Starvaggi's case had been delayed because of the death of a federal judge who earlier had handled Starvaggi's appeal.

G.W. Green and Glen Earl Martin, both of Houston, also were convicted in the death of Denson, 48.

Green is on death row.

Martin is serving a life prison term.

The three were accused of breaking into Denson's home and stealing \$6,000 worth of guns.

Denson was a Montgomery County juvenile probation officer.

Starvaggi, who has been on death row since 1978, would be the 26th Texas inmate put to death since the state resumed the death penalty in 1982 and the sixth this year.

He is among at least 16 Texas death row prisoners with pending execution dates.

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Psychologist helps victims of Chernobyl disaster cope

HOUSTON (AP) — Ten days before the Chernobyl disaster, Houston psychologist Dr. Rickie Moore was in West Germany conducting a seminar. A young couple in the group was celebrating the news that they were expecting their first baby.

When Moore returned to Germany a month later, she learned that the woman had been advised to have an abortion. She and her husband had walked in the rain a few days after the April 26, 1986, meltdown at the Soviet reactor that released high levels of radiation into the air. Rain, experts say, was a carrier of radioactivity and caused hot spots throughout Europe.

The couple was hit by some of that fallout. In addition to the physical problems, they had to deal with the psychological fears that followed the event.

How much radiation did they take?

Was the food safe to eat?

Would they die from the long-term effects of the fallout?

These questions and the pressures they create, Moore says, are widespread in Europe. For nine of the last 16 months, the psychologist has been working with victims of fallout in Southern Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland and France. She has been helping them face the reality of the disaster and cope with it.

"The psychological effects of living with that uncertainty as well as the difficulties of adjusting to a totally new way of life as a result of having their food, air and water contaminated is monumental," she says.

Experts estimate that 200 million people in Europe were exposed to contaminated air. That exposure is expected to increase as more people ingest tainted food. Radiation levels were especially high in Poland, West Germany (Munich in particular), northern Italy, the Lapland area of

Finland and the Turkish shore of the Black Sea.

Most of the reindeer in Lapland were contaminated and had to be destroyed. Experts say the radioactive fallout may virtually destroy the

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Lapp culture, which depends on the animal for its economy.

Moore says victims of radiation, in addition to the physical effects of vomiting, diarrhea and fever, suffered a host of emotional reactions long after the initial exposure. They included agitation, tiredness, apathy, a sense of powerlessness, depression, sleeplessness and eating disorders.

Some victims suffered severe shock just after the disaster.

One woman Moore helped had been hiking in northern Italy just after the Chernobyl accident. She was outside in the rain, eating berries and fruit in what experts later determined was a hot spot. When she realized she had been exposed, the reaction was immediate.

"She had a total collapse," Moore says. "She went to pieces. It took a lot of support to keep her functioning in her job working with handicapped children."

Just after her exposure, the woman joined one of the psychologist's seminars.

In her work, Moore teaches peo-

ple who have been radiated the ABCs of survival — accept, belong and commit. First, they must accept they have been exposed and their food may be contaminated. Second, they recognize they belong to a group of similar victims and can find help from others. And third, to overcome their grief, they agree to commit to living life fully and working to prevent further catastrophes.

To do that often means altering lifestyles completely.

Moore says people who've been radiated frequently undergo value changes. Those with money no longer prize it above all else. The pursuit of worldly possessions loses its sparkle. And victims begin to evaluate priorities, placing emphasis on peace rather than pleasure.

In her seminars, victims are encouraged to form networks. They laugh, sing and talk about issues that are important in their lives. And they recognize and accept that depression and sadness will help them deal with a newly awakened sense of mortality.

Sometimes participants bring their children, parents, spouses and friends to the seminars, healing old, painful wounds from the past. Couples often resolve problems and discover new ways of relating. As they break down walls of defense and denial about the disaster, negative attitudes are erased and they experience relief from fear.

"Many people react with a feeling of renewed hope," Moore says. "Yes, I can make a difference. I do matter. My child has a right to a full life. I can change the way people interact with each other."

For those who recognize that turmoil is normal after an event such as the Chernobyl incident, the road back to good mental health, though difficult, is possible, the psychologist says.

Officials find missing Texan in California

LLANO (AP) — The Llano school district's transportation director, missing for six days since disappearing while test-driving a bus route, was found tired and confused in a California desert town, officials said.

Authorities said Rickey Gene Gillem, 39, who disappeared last Tuesday, was otherwise in good condition.

Gillem telephoned his wife, Linda, Sunday night from a restaurant in Bishop, a town of 3,500 in eastern California not far from the Nevada border, Llano County sheriff's deputy Kenneth Poe said.

"He called and said he was a little tired and a little confused," said Poe, who has worked on the investigation since it began. "He said he did not know how he got there."

Gillem was last seen a week ago while driving along a new bus route 16 miles from Llano. The Llano Independent School District truck Gillem was driving was found over the weekend in the parking lot of a San Antonio shopping center. Gillem's coffee cup and Bible were inside the vehicle.

Poe said after Gillem called home, his wife called Llano County sheriff's deputies, who notified authorities in Bishop. Gillem was placed in protective custody, was given a medical evaluation and probably will undergo another examination when he returns to Llano, officials said.

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